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SUBJ: NARCOTICS TRAINING: F-2 REQUEST FOR TWO-WEEK IN-COUNTRY
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SUMMARY: PER PLAN PRESENTED TO NARCOTICS PLANNING TEAM DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO BOGOTA, F-2 HAS REQUESTED TOTAL OF FIVE TWO-WEEK IN-COUNTRY TRAINING SCHOOLS TO BE HELD STARTING THIS MONTH. THIS TRAINING WILL ENABLE F-2 TO CARRY OUT AN AMBITIOUS PLAN TO DOUBLE THE SIZE OF ITS EXISTING NARCOTICS UNIT AND COVER WITH TRAINED AGENTS ALL MAJOR COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKING CENTERS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE F-2 AND THE NATIONAL POLICE WITH 20 INSTRUCTORS SPECIFICALLY TRAINED IN NARCOTICS. IN ALL, PROGRAM PROPOSED BY F-2 IS SUPPORTIVE OF ON-GOING MISSION EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BETTER GENERALIZED AND NEW SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COURSES AS PART OF OVERALL NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM. AS THESE PROGRAMS ARE EVOLVED, WE PLAN TO REPLICATE THEM IN DAS AND CUSTOMS AS WELL.

ACTION REQUESTED: CCINC APPROVAL AND FINANCING FOR PROPOSED DEA IN-COUNTRY TRAINING IN SUPPORT OF F-2 NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EXPANSION PROGRAM, AND NCAP TRAINING DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

1. BASIC ASSUMPTIONS PARAGRAPHS TWO AND THREE, STATE REFTEL ARE CORRECT. F-2, CUSTOMS AND DAS ALL NEED TO DEVELOP BETTER GENERALIZED AND SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS
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AND TO TRAIN ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT SUCH

A PROGRAM. NATIONAL POLICE, HOWEVER, SHOW MOST PROMISE IN THIS AREA. IN ACCORD WITH NCAP-STATED GOALS, AID NARCOTICS ADVISORS CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CHIEF OF STAFF, NATIONAL POLICE STAFF AND PLANNING DIVISION, AND WITH CHIEFS OF THE THREE BOGOTA POLICE ACADEMIES TO UPDATE AND STANDARDIZE NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR AGENTS, NCOS AND OFFICERS. ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, NARCOTICS ADVISORS ARE ASSISTING IN DESIGN OF NEW TRAINING SYLLABUS AND MATERIALS, INCLUDING AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS FOR USE IN ALL POLICE ACADEMIES. MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE IS PREPARED TO ALLOCATE PROGRAM RESOURCES TO THIS EFFORT WITHIN NEAR FUTURE ONCE AID NARCOTICS ADVISORS AND POLICE STAFFERS REACH AGREEMENT ON COURSE CONTENT. RESOURCES TO COVER AT LEAST INITIAL COSTS OUR CONTRIBUTION ARE AVAILABLE FROM NARCOTICS PROAG FUNDS RESERVED FOR THIS PURPOSE. FOR EXAMPLE, FY-75 NATIONAL POLICE PROAG HAS DOLLARS 24,000 ALLOCATED FOR LOCAL TRAINING DEVELOPMENT AND EQUIPMENT COSTS.

2. FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT ABOVE GENERAL NARCOTICS COURSES, NARCOTICS ADVISORS WILL WORK WITH F-2 TO DEVELOP AN ENTIRELY NEW COURSE FOR AGENTS AND OFFICERS SPECIALIZING IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. IN FACT, IN-SERVICE NARCOTICS TRAINING IS NOW BEING OFFERED BY THE F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT IN BOGOTA. THIS TRAINING--SUPPORTED IN PART THROUGH CCINC PROAG FUNDS--HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR NEARLY ONE YEAR. F-2 IS ALSO GETTING OUR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING THE NARCOTICS COMPONENT OF TWO-MONTH TRAINING COURSE FOR NEW DETECTIVE AGENTS BEING OFFERED LATER THIS YEAR.

3. IN ALL THE ABOVE, OUR AIM IS TO DEVELOP IN THE NATIONAL POLICE AND IN F-2 SPECIFICALLY THE CAPABILITY TO TRAIN IN-COUNTRY BOTH GENERALISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT. WE WILL, IN TURN, WORK WITH DAS AND CUSTOMS USING THE NATIONAL POLICE PATTERN TO HELP CREATE SIMILAR TRAINING CAPABILITIES AND INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THESE TWO KEY SERVICES. AGAIN, NARCO COMMITTEE HAS RESERVED FUNDS FROM EXISTING DAS AND CUSTOMS PROAGS TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT. WE WILL REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS AS NEEDED.

4. THE PROPOSALS FOR DEA TRAINING OF F-2 AGENTS OUTLINED IN BOGOTA 2035 AND BY SAIRGONZALEZ DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS ARE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR OVERALL TRAINING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL AS OF F-2 PLANS TO IMMEDIATELY EXPAND COVERAGE BY ITS NARCOTICS UNIT, AND DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED.

5. WE HAVE THIS WEEK SENT TO S/NM AND SER/INC AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION AN F-2 PLAN (APPROVED BY NATIONAL POLICE COMMANDER GENERAL GARCIA) TO ADD 135 - 140 NEW SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS AGENTS AND OFFICERS TO ITS ROLLS. UNDER THIS PLAN, F-2 WILL ESTABLISH IMME-

DIATELY 25-MAN SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS UNITS IN CALI, MEDELLIN, BARRANQUILLA AND PASTO, THE FOUR HIGH DRUG TRAFFICKING CENTERS IN COLOMBIA. AN ADDITIONAL 35 TO 40 NEW AGENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED IN GROUPS OF FIVE OR SIX AGENTS TO SUB-UNITS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF RISARALDA, CALDAS, CAUCA, QUINDO, SANTANDER, CESAR AND META. THE ABOVE UNITS WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO F-2 NARCOTICS HEADQUARTERS IN BOGOTA. IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMBITIOUS EXPANSION PLAN--WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY DOUBLE F-2'S NARCOTICS FORCE--NATIONAL POLICE HAVE REQUESTED TRAINING FOR THE 135 TO 140 NEW NARCO AGENTS AND OFFICERS, AS WELL AS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING FOR 20 NARCOTICS OFFICERS AND 10 INSTRUCTORS FROM VARIOUS POLICE ACADEMIES. WE ENVISAGE THAT SUCH A TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD INVOLVE FIVE SEPARATE DEA IN-COUNTRY COURSES TO BE OFFERED BEGINNING THIS MONTH AND TERMINATING IN OCTOBER ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.

A. APRIL 25-MAY 12: DEA NTI COURSE FOR FOUR F-2 CAPTAINS AND 16 LIEUTENANTS WHO WILL HEAD UP NEW NARCO UNIT IN CALI, PASTO,

MEDELLIN AND BARRANQUILLA. LAST THREE DAYS OF THIS COURSE WILL BE DEVOTED TO TRAINING THE ABOVE 20 OFFICERS, PLUS 10 POLICE ACADEMY INSTRUCTORS AS NARCOTICS INSTRUCTORS. THESE OFFICERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THE NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM NOW BEING DEvised BY THE NATIONAL POLICE WITH AN ASSIST FROM AID.

B. FOUR ADDITIONAL COURSES FOR 30 AGENTS AND NCOS EACH TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

JUNE 21-JULY 2 AT MEDELLIN

JULY 7-18 AT CALI

SEPT 6-17 AT BARRANQUILLA

SEPT 20-OCT 1 AT PASTO

6. THE ABOVE COURSES ARE INTENDED TO TRAIN THE ADDITIONAL 135 TO 140 SPECIALIST AGENTS AND OFFICERS F-2 NEEDS TO MAN ITS EXPANDED NARCOTICS UNITS. F-2 AND ATTORNEY GENERAL PERSONNEL WILL PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED

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THREE FULL DAYS INSTRUCTION--ORIENTED TOWARD COLOMBIAN DRUG LAWS--IN EACH 10 DAY COURSE.

7. REQUEST CCINC CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ON ALL ABOVE.
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